

News

U.S. Department of Labor
Bureau of Labor Statistics
1100 Main Street, Suite 600
Kansas City, Missouri 64105-2112



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

(816) 426-2481

Media Contact: Dave McDermott

(816) 426-3176

WWW Access: <http://www.bls.gov/ro7news.htm>

FOR RELEASE: IMMEDIATELY

August 16, 2001

7:30am Central Time

Consumer Price Index for Kansas City Annual changes from the first half of 2000 to the first half of 2001

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Kansas City metropolitan area increased 4.2 percent over the last year, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The annual increase is the largest since 1996. A 17.2 percent increase in the cost of energy accounted for almost a third of the increase in the index, according to Bob Gaddie, Regional Commissioner. Excluding energy, the Kansas City index was up 3.3 percent.

Housing prices rose 5.7 percent over the year, as shelter costs rose 4.4 percent and fuels and utilities rose 19.5 percent. Utility natural gas prices rose 54.6 percent, accounting for almost half the increase in housing costs. Household furnishings and operations costs declined 0.9 percent over the year.

Transportation prices increased 2.6 percent. Motor fuel prices rose 8.8 percent after rising 41.6 percent the previous year. Private transportation, which includes the cost of vehicles and motor fuels, increased 3.0 percent.

The food and beverage index increased 4.7 percent. Prices for food purchased for consumption at home rose 4.2 percent, while food consumed away from home rose 5.6 percent. The price of alcoholic beverages edged up 0.1 percent.

The apparel index rose 1.9 percent, after declining in each of the three previous years.

Medical care prices rose 4.8 percent, following larger increases in the two previous years.

The prices for other goods and services, which includes tobacco and smoking products, were up 2.1 percent. Education and communication prices increased 2.9 percent, while recreation prices rose 3.5 percent.

The Kansas City CPI-U stood at 171.9 for the first half of 2001. This means that a market basket of goods and services that cost \$100.00 in 1982-84 cost \$171.90 in the first half of 2001.

Information in this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone:
202-606-STAT; TDD phone: 202-606-5897; TDD message referral phone number:
1-800-326-2577.

Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes for semiannual averages and percent changes for selected periods, Kansas City, MO-KS (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Semiannual average indexes			Percent change to 1st half 2001 from-	
	1st half 2000	2nd half 2000	1st half 2001	1st half 2000	2nd half 2000
Expenditure category					
All items	165.0	168.2	171.9	4.2	2.2
All items (1967=100)	489.9	499.6	510.6	-	-
Food and beverages	162.9	167.0	170.6	4.7	2.2
Food	163.9	168.2	172.0	4.9	2.3
Food at home	161.0	165.4	167.8	4.2	1.5
Food away from home	169.5	173.2	179.0	5.6	3.3
Alcoholic beverages	151.9	151.3	152.1	.1	.5
Housing	159.3	163.8	168.4	5.7	2.8
Shelter	175.9	180.1	183.6	4.4	1.9
Rent of primary residence	172.3	176.4	181.7	5.5	3.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (1)	172.6	176.1	179.7	4.1	2.0
Fuels and utilities	137.4	147.7	164.2	19.5	11.2
Fuels	119.0	128.8	148.9	25.1	15.6
Gas (piped) and electricity	119.2	129.0	149.5	25.4	15.9
Electricity	102.2	107.3	104.0	1.8	-3.1
Utility natural gas service	135.8	152.3	209.9	54.6	37.8
Household furnishings and operations	132.2	132.5	131.0	-.9	-1.1
Apparel	118.1	119.0	120.4	1.9	1.2
Transportation	146.8	148.1	150.6	2.6	1.7
Private transportation	144.2	145.6	148.5	3.0	2.0
Motor fuel	125.2	129.2	136.2	8.8	5.4
Gasoline (all types)	125.1	129.1	136.1	8.8	5.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular (2)	121.4	125.7	132.6	9.2	5.5
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade (2) (3)	151.7	156.0	164.3	8.3	5.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium (2)	125.3	128.8	135.2	7.9	5.0
Medical care	240.8	249.5	252.4	4.8	1.2
Recreation (4)	102.4	103.2	106.0	3.5	2.7
Education and communication (4)	100.3	102.0	103.2	2.9	1.2
Other goods and services	295.5	294.7	301.6	2.1	2.3
Commodity and service group					
All items	165.0	168.2	171.9	4.2	2.2
Commodities	149.3	151.4	154.0	3.1	1.7
Commodities less food and beverages	141.8	142.9	145.0	2.3	1.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	153.5	155.7	161.5	5.2	3.7
Durables	125.8	125.5	123.5	-1.8	-1.6
Services	181.1	185.5	190.3	5.1	2.6
Special aggregate indexes					
All items less medical care	160.5	163.6	167.3	4.2	2.3
All items less shelter	161.9	164.9	168.7	4.2	2.3
Commodities less food	142.0	143.1	145.2	2.3	1.5
Nondurables	158.3	161.4	166.2	5.0	3.0
Nondurables less food	153.4	155.5	160.9	4.9	3.5
Services less rent of shelter (1)	192.8	197.5	204.1	5.9	3.3
Services less medical care services	174.9	179.1	184.1	5.3	2.8
Energy	120.7	127.7	141.5	17.2	10.8
All items less energy	171.8	174.9	177.5	3.3	1.5
All items less food and energy	173.6	176.3	178.7	2.9	1.4

1 Index is on a December 1982=100 base.

2 Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

3 Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

4 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

- Data not available.

